The patients are examined by the Senior Urologist regularly with the assistance of Senior and Junior Residents.

Ultrasound Centres in the country

†2825. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ultrasound centres where surprise checks were conducted throughout the country in the year 2005 and 2006 by Government to prevent foeticide;

(b) the details of centres where surprise checks were conducted and the number of centres found guilty for sex determination, State-wise;

(c) the action taken against guilty centres; and

(d) the scheme of Government to prevent foeticides in the year 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) National Inspection and Monitoring Committee (NIMC) of the Government of India visited the following States and seized the records and sealed the number of machines as below for non-maintenance of records/ non-registration as prescribed under Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Determination Techniques Act (PC&PNDT) during 2005 and 2006:—

2005		2006	
States	Number of Machines Sealed	States	Number of Machines Sealed
Delhi	17	Andhra Pradesh	4
Gujarat	3	Uttar Pradesh	5
Haryana	-	Delhi	5
Himachal Pradesh	9	Karnataka	8
Punjab	-	Madhya Pradesh	7
Karnataka	3	Uttaranchal	7

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Concerned District Appropriate Authority as per the decision taken by concerned District Advisory Committee under the PC&PNDT Act has taken suitable action against the ultrasound centres.

(d) To consider the proposed amendments in the PC&PNDT Act, to strengthen its implementation and related issues, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Health & Family Welfare has been constituted. The National Support and Monitoring Cell (NSMC) constituted to focus on the vulnerable States of Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat, Chandigarh and Delhi for strict implementation of the Act is being strengthened by appointment of one full time lawyer and an administrative leader for the cell. Annual Report on implementation of the PC&PNDT Act 2006 and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) useful for layperson, medical community and Appropriate Authorities have been formulated. Training of lower Judiciary and Public Prosecutors from State Judicial Academies would be done during 2007-08.

To create awareness on the issue, various activities will be under taken through radio, television and print media units. Workshop and seminars are constantly been organized on the issue at State/Regional/District/ Block levels by Central/State/voluntary organizations. "Save the Girl Child" campaign with a view to lessen son preference by highlighting achievements of young girls has been launched. The brand ambassador for 2007-08 is being selected.

Regulations of DDT Maximum Residue Level in food products

2826. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the countries including US have imposed stringent regulations on DDT maximum Residue Level in food products;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Codex India has been openly favouring DDT levels of five mg per kg of poultry or meat;

(c) MRL prescribed by WHO and FAO in this regard;

(d) whether Government have sought expert opinion in this regard and if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and